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FOR CHARGE LAMBRAKIS

1. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE HAVE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE YOUR VIEWS ON POSSIBLE STAFF REDUCTIONS PREVIOUSLY RAISED WITH AMBASSADOR GODLEY (REF).

2. WHILE THE SPLENDID MORALE AND DEDICATION OF ALL AT THE MISSION CONTINUE TO IMPRESS US, IT APPEARS PRUDENT TO ASSUME THAT DANGERS TO THE AMERICANS IN MISSION WILL REMAIN AT
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PRESENT LEVEL FOR MANY MONTHS AND MAY INCREASE. THERE IS

A GREAT DEAL OF QUESTIONING HERE WHETHER IT IS ESSENTIAL
TO KEEP SO MANY AMERICANS EXPOSED TO THESE DANGERS. WE
ARE HOLDING UP RETURN OF ANN GLANVILLE AND ASSIGNMENT OF
ELEANOR ERICE VICE BETTY TAYLOR PENDING YOUR COMMENTS ON
GENERAL QUESTION. KISSINGER

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